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LIBYA SUSPENDS OIL EXPORTS TO U.S.

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(TEXT) TRIPOLI--ARNA HAS LEARNED THAT THE LIBYAN ARAB
REPUBLIC HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND OIL EXPORTS TO THE
UNITED STATES, INCLUDING CRUDE OIL AND ALL OIL
BYPRODUCTS, AS OF TODAY.

IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT U.S. IMPORTS OF LIBYAN CRUDE OIL TOTAL
200,000 BARRELS DAILY, OR 11.1 PERCENT OF THE LIBYAN ARAB
REPUBLIC'S OIL OUTPUT. LIBYA HAS ALSO DECIDED TO REDUCE ITS
DAILY PRODUCTION OF OIL BY 5 PERCENT.

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